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### Representative Urban to Address National Policymakers' Summit



On Sunday, June 5, State Representative Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, will address a national policymakers' summit of the Flemming Fellowship Leadership Institute at the Warren Center in Ashland, MA. She will address the 2005 Class of Flemming Fellows on building consensus on policy.

The Flemming Fellows Leadership Institute, established by the national Center for Policy Alternatives (CPA) in 1994, was created to prepare state legislators to be effective policymakers by helping them build problem-solving leadership skills. CPA provides user-friendly talking points, policy summaries, model bills and resource lists designed specifically for state legislators.

Representative Urban was selected as a member of the 2002 Class of Flemming Fellows. Like the 2005 Class, she was one of 35 Flemming Fellows selected from more than 4,000 state legislators who were eligible that year.

"It is a great opportunity to speak to this group of legislators, chosen from across the country for their leadership abilities," said Rep. Urban. "Having been a Flemings Fellow myself, I look forward to sharing my experiences with the 2005 class. Cross-pollination leads to well-thought out progressive policy and exciting results and it is an honor to have the chance to work with all these talented legislators.

The bipartisan class of Fellows participates in a series of retreats over the course of the year, culminating with its Summit of the States every December. The Fellowship Curriculum focuses on the role of government and how leaders can recognize their own values and understand how these values can help build policy consensus.

The Flemming Fellowship Leadership Institute, supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is organized by the Center for Policy Alternatives, a nonpartisan public policy and leadership development center serving state legislators, state policy organizations and state grassroots leaders. The institute was named for the late statesman Dr. Arthur Flemming, a top-level official for eight U.S. Presidents, president of four universities and a longtime member of the CPA board. The organization's Progressive Agenda is the only comprehensive handbook of progressive policy for legislators. It trains policymakers to think and lead and to solve problems in unconventional ways successfully working across lines of party, race, class and gender to achieve consensus.